

East Windsor Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2022
89 Bridge Street East Windsor CT 06088

Call to order: 7:02 pm

Pledge: Led by Jim Barton

Attendance: Jim Barton, Peter Sanders, Gil Hayes, Rick Webster, Ken Crouch, Scott Morgan, Dan Morgan, Bob Lyke, Mary Morgan, Ed Filipone, Vic DeCapua
Absent Bruce Putinas, Rob Dynak

Public Session: NA

Added Agenda Item: Motion to add Veteran Commission Librarian to the agenda under new business, Bob Lyke, Gil Hayes second.

All in favor

Motion to add discussion secretary nomination and appoint of Gil Hayes, Gil Hayes, Bob Lyke second. All in favor

Motion to add discussion and act on a request to help a veteran from Mellissa, Town of East Windsor, Peter Sander, Scott Morgan second. All in favor

Secretary Report:

Motion to approve the secretary report from the 12-9-21 monthly meeting Scott Morgan, Peter Sanders second. All in favor

Treasurer Report: We would like to donate to two town churches for the use of their facilities for our events.

Motion to approve two \$100.00 donations to First Congregational Church and Windsorville United Methodist Church, James Barton, Gil Hayes second. All in favor

Motion to approve the treasurer report as presented Gil Hayes, Scott Morgan second. All in favor

Chairman report:

Pavers: the current paver orders will be installed in late May.

I will attend the town budget meeting on Wednesday via zoom

Committee Reports:

Fundraising: NA

Publicity: NA

Memorial Day: in March we will send a letter to the Police Department, Military speaker, and fill out an online flyover request.

Cemetery: We need to order flags for the street poles: we need two dozen poles, three dozen flags, three dozen brackets. Motion to order (2) dozen poles, (3) dozen flags, (3) dozen brackets for up to \$1600.00 Scott Morgan, Vic DeCapua

We will need to order 7 or 8 gross cemetery flags, last year we purchased them from American Legion. The flags at the cemetery will be monitored and repaired monthly.

Wreaths Across America: the paperwork was submitted for 2022, the 8 wreaths from the event were placed at the Memorial Green after the event.

Service Officer: So many veterans are in need, many qualify for services that don't think they will. Somers offers a paid Department of Veterans Affairs, it is a wonderful resource for local veterans.

Road Race: We received the contract for the Veterans Day Road Race for 2022. Motion to pay the \$600.00 deposit for the 2022 road race and sign the contract Vic DeCapua, Scott Morgan second. All in favor

New Business:

Scholarships: We received the form for the scholarships.

I will fill it out and send it back to the school. We need to make changes to the form sooner, so we have time to work on it. The form is due March 7th. Scott: we could form a subcommittee we write the form for next year.

Motion to give two scholarships to seniors for \$750.00 Scott Morgan, Dan Morgan second. Vic: I think we should increase the amount of the scholarship to \$1000.00 each. Bob: I agree, we have the money. Scott Morgan

withdrew his motion. Motion to give two scholarships to graduate students in East Windsor in the amount of 1000.00 each, Vic DeCapua, Rick Webster second. All in favor of Motion made by Vic DeCapua, to form a

subcommittee to refine the application for the veteran's scholarship for the 2023 calendar year, members: Rick Webster, Scott Morgan, Bob Lyke, Dan Morgan, second Gil Hayes. All in favor

Veteran Librarian: Discussion of librarian Bob Lykes has a lot of books, resources that he would like to share with other veterans in our community. Under the title of Service Officer Bob will complete a list of resources to share with the community.

Secretary Position: Gil would like to discuss the appoint of him as secretary, he was not at the meeting when this took place. He would like to know what the job requirements are for secretary.

Gil: I am on a lot of committee, I need to give one up, and need to know what I am expected to do, and or I need to have someone else take the position. Discussion of the position, Jim will meet with Gil separately to discuss.

This will be tabled for now.

Mellissa sent a message to Peter about a Veterans in town who was in a bad car accident, they need a wheelchair ramp to have access to their home. We are looking into a ramp rental. Ken: I think we should help if they are in need. Scott: I agree we should help if we can. Discussion of how to help a veteran in need. Motion to have Peter and Ken look into ramp rental and move forward with rental up to \$1000.00, Gil Hayes, Vic DeCapua second. All in favor

We need to discuss a procedure and process for helping local veterans. I have spoken with Mellissa and she has programs where she has different pots of money that we can use when people come to her. We could give her an amount of money to use for veterans in East Windsor, we would give her are criteria for how and who we would like to help. We could start with \$5000.00. Discussion of funds, Vic will talk to Melissa on some details.

Old Business: NA

Correspondence: NA

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 Scott Morgan, Dan Morgan second. All in favor